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INDUSTRIALIZATION

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SUMMARY: UNDER LEADERSHIP OF ALGERIANS GROUP OF 77
HAVE AGREED ON A DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION
PUTTING GREAT STRESS ON THE RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNIDO IS GIVEN PROMINENT PLACE IN
FOSTERING THIS INDUSTRIALIZATION USING DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES FUNDS AND ASSISTANCE. THESE, IDEAS, REALLY
DEMANDS ON AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,
WILL BE FURTHER DEBATED IN LIMA. CONFRONTATION IS NOT
WANTED, BUT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE SO HIGH THAT
CONFRONTATION WILL BE HARD TO AVOID. END SUMMARY

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1. THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MINISTERIAL MEETING OF

THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN ALGIERS FEBRUARY 15 - 18, DOC/49
MAKES DRY READING. OF THE GROUP OF 77,
NOW 107, ONLY 63 COUNTRIES ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED,
ALONG WITH FIVER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. MAMBU
MA KHENZE OF ZAIRE, CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77 OPENED
MEETING, BUT IMMEDIATELY TURNED IT OVER TO ELECTED OFFICERS:

BELAID ABDESSELAM - ALGERIA - CHAIRMAN

GUILLERMO VAN CORDT - PERU - RAPPORTEUR

HAMADI KEITA - MALI - VICE CHAIRMAN

AMIR JAMAL - TANZANIA - VICE CHAIRMAN

LOUIS ABOU SHARAF - LEBANON - VICE CHAIRMAN

SURIAARACHI S.K.K. - SRI LANKA - VICE CHAIRMAN

DEJ TALABHAT - THAILAND - VICE CHAIRMAN

MIGUEL REVESTIDO - ARGENTINA - VICE CHAIRMAN

ANTONIO ESQUIVEL YEDRA - CUBA - VICE CHAIRMAN

2. PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE OF ALGERIA ADDRESSED GROUP
TO A "STANDING OVATION", SEE REFTTEL. PRESIDENT
BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH WAS ADOPTED AS A WORKING DOCUMENT OF
MEETING.

3. REST OF AGENDA WAS:

1. REPORT OF THE WORKING ROUP ON THE TAKS
ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE MEETING OF THE GROUP
OF 77 AT VIENNA (FROM 5 - 11 DECEMBER, 1974).

2. DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND ACTION
PROGRAM OF THE GROUP OF 77, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE
THE MEETING HELD BY THE GROUP OF 77 IN
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DECEMBER, 1974.
GSM INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING UNIDO

4. DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
LIMA CONFERENCE AND THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES;

5. ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AND ACTION PROGRAM

OF THE GROUP OF 77;

6. ORGANIZATION ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE
LIMA CONFERENCE;

A. OFFICERS

B. PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE;

C. STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GROUP OF 77 AT LIMA.

4. ABDEL RAHMAN KHANE, NEW ALGERIAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF UNIDO, ADDRESSED GROUP STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF
SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO. "HE ADDED THAT,
THROUGH THE PLAN OF ACTION, THE CONFERENCE WOULD
WISH TO DEFINE THE ROLE THAT UNIDO SHOULD PLAY AT
THIS PARTICULAR STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND GIVE THE ORGANIZATION GREATER
FREEDOM TO DISCHARGE IT. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING
THAT THE GROUP OF 77 SHOULD SPECIFY ITS AIMS AND
STRATEGIES IN THAT IMPORTANT AREA WITHOUT LOSING
SIGHT OF THE NECESSARY COROLLARY OF GUARANTEEING UNIDO
ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES."

5. GENERAL DEBATE IS ONLY BRIEFLY DISCUSSED
IN REPORT UNDER FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

A) INDUSTRIALIZATION - SEVERAL DELEGATIONS
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT INDUSTRIALIZATION IS ONLY PATH
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT SHOULD BE
BASED ON LOCAL PROCESSING OF LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES
AND SHOULD BE AIMED AT SELF-SUFFICIENCY.
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B) STATUS OF UNIDO - SEVERAL DELEGATIONS STRESSED
PRIME NECESSITY OF REFORM OF UNIDO AND NEED TO MAKE
IT WHOLLY AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION, FURTHER THAT WITH FULL
AUTONOMY AND FUNDING UNIDO SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT
FOR ASSISTING INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THAT FUNDING SHOULD
COME FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
HAVING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES. FINALLY SOME
DELEGATIONS SAID DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ENSURE IN-
DUSTRIAL PROJECTS ARE ENTRUSTED TO UNIDO AND CARRIED
OUT UNDER ITS AUSPICES.

C) LIMA CONFERENCE IS HISTORICAL OCCASION AND
ALONG WITH DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION BINDING
MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SET A POLICY OF

INDUSTRIALIZATION FOR DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
IT WILL BE FIRST CONFERENCE TO ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF DECISION OF 6TH SPECIAL UNGA FOR ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IT WILL
THEREFORE BE TEST OF WILL TO PROCEED. OTHER
DELEGATIONS SUGGESTED GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO
BE INSTITUTIONALIZED.

D) PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IS CRISIS OF DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES WHICH UNJUSTLY EFFECTS DEVELOPING WORLD.
THEY SHOULD DO EVERYTHING TO PREVENT INFLATION IN DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES FROM HURTING THEM IN DOING THIS, THEY
SHOULD CONSTANTLY SEEK AND PREFER DIALOGUE TO
CONFRONTATION WITH DEVELOPED WORLD.

E) RAW MATERIALS - SEVERAL DELEGATIONS STRESSED
IMPORTANCE OF NON-ALIGNED DAKAR CONFERENCE ON RAW
MATERIALS AND ASKED THAT ITS DOCUMENTS BE ADOPTED AS
WORKING DOCUMENTS OF GROUP OF 77 FOR UNIDO
CONFERENCE. (THERE WAS NO VOTE ON THIS, BUT
DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION OF THIS CONFERENCE
REFER TO AND SUPPORT DECLARATION OF DAKAR, PARA . 11.)

F) UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND --
ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
TIME HAD COME FOR INDEPENDANT INTERNATIONAL FUND
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TO MEET INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD BE FUNDED BY DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
SURPLUSES. COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO AT LIMA CONFERENCE
FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCING OF THIS FUND.

G) FOREIGN TRADE - PRESENT STRUCTURE OF FOREIGN
TRADE IS MARKED BY INEQUALITIES. BESIDES OTHER
MEASURES GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

H) FINALLY, LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LANDLOCKED
COUNTRIES AND DROUGHT STRIKEN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN
SPECIAL ATTENTION.

6. AGENDA FOR LIMA CONFERENCE CONSIDERED AT VIENNA
WAS APPROVED WITH ADDITION OF NEW ITEM 6C RELATING
TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND DECLARATION
AND PLAN OF ACTION.

7. DRAFT DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED
BY CONFERENCE WAS ESSENTIALLY GROUP OF 77'S VERSION.
PRINCIPAL CHANGES INVOLVED REFORM OF

UNIDO INTO AN AUTONOMOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCY AND, AS STATED, WORK OF DAKAR CONFERENCE. IT ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THREE NEW RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AT CONFERENCE ON (1) STRENGTHENING OF ROLE OF UNIDO, (2) RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO CONTRACTS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND (3) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THESE THREE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT ADOPTED AS SUCH, BUT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY WORKING GROUP IN VIENNA AND THEN SUBMITTED TO LIMA CONFERENCE. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THEM.

8. THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO MEETING OF GROUP OF 77 HEADS OF DELEGATION ON MARCH 12 IN LIMA BEFORE GENERAL HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING TO SETTLE THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICIALS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEES.

9. EMBASSY ASSUMES THE DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THIS CONFERENCE ARE AVAILABLE AS UN DOCUMENTS. EMBASSY HAS COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE VERY LENGTHY, AND WE CAN CABLE THEM ON SPECIFIC REQUEST.

10 ATMOSPHERICS - ALGERIANS SEEM TO HAVE RUN OFF ANOTHER WLL ORGANIZED CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. AGAIN SOME COUNTRIES SEEM TO OBJECT, UNOFFICIALLY, TO THE ALGERIAN STEAMROLLER TACTICS, BUT THERE WAS NO ORGANIZED ALTERNATIVE TO ALGERIAN PROPOSALS. REDRAFTING OF ALGERIAN PROPOSALS, WHEN POSSIBLE, SEEMS TO TONE DOWN LANGUAGE USED. IRANIAN REP NOTED THAT WHEN HE SUGGESTED MORE MODERATE LANGUAGE, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED HIM, BUT WERE QUIET UNTIL A STRONG AND RESPECTABLE COUNTRY SUCH AS IRAN INTERVENED. A NUMBER OF REPS HAVE COMMENTED THAT THEY, UNLIKE ALGERIANS, DO NOT WISH CONFRONTATION WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT ALGERIANS PREPARED AND TRIED OUT A FEW DELEGATION A FOURTH RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD 77 GOING ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING OPEC IN ITS BATTLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND THREATS OF MILITARY ACTION. ACCORDING THIS SOURCE, AFRICAN AND MOROCCAN REACTION AGAINST TAKING CONFRONTATION THIS FAR AT THIS POINT PERSUADED ALGERIANS TO TABLE DRAFT. THIS DISTASTE FOR CONFRONTATION SEEMS TO BE GROWING, BUT AS YET NO ALTERNATIVE TO ALGERIAN LED PROPOSALS HAS APPEARED.

11. COMMENT: GIVEN INFLATED DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES, IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO
THEM WITHOUT SOUNDING SO NEGATIVE AS TO
SEEM TO BE SEEKING CONFRONTATION. IT WILL, HOWEVER, BE VERY
IMPORTANT TO BE ON THE SIDE OF A STRENGTHENED DIALOGUE.
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